Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : The Government have no such idea at present.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura)* : Do the Government think that the starting of a Central Depot at Mattancheri will facilitate the small dealers in the rural areas ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : That was the idea of the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : How many other coir purchasing depots exist in the vicinity of this depot ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : There must be many. Government have no information.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : Has not Mr. B. M. Peter opened a depot very near to this depot ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : Yes.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christians-Mattancheri)* : We were given no facilities. So I started a depot.

COIR DEPOT, MATTANCHERI—PARTICULARS OF

341. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christian Mattancheri)* : Will Government be pleased to say.—

(*a*) who is the present manager of the Government Coir Depot at Mattancheri ;

(*b*) what is his salary ;

(*c*) what is the monthly sales of the depot ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* :

(*a*) Mr. P. A. Zainuddin, Nachea Veedu, Kochangadi, Mattancheri.

(*b*) Rs. 60 per mensem.

(*c*) The average monthly sales are 70 candies (in 1116) and 48 candies (in 1117).

WATER LORRY—KUNNAMKULAM

342. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was a water lorry purchased for use in Kunnamkulam, by whom and at what cost ;

(*b*) who is in charge of the lorry at present ; when was it taken charge from the Chief Engineer and by whom ;

(*c*) when was the driver appointed and by whom ;

(*d*) what is his pay and who holds the post at present ;

(*e*) will Government be further pleased to print and place on the Table of the House copy of the communication, dated 3rd October 1941, P-5-3352/17 of the Huzur Office to the Kunnamkulam Town Council with regard to the appointment of the driver and also copy of the letter (dated 25th Kanni 1117) from the Kunnamkulam Town Council to the Huzur in reply thereto ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* :

(*a*) One 1940 model Austin two-ton motor lorry fitted up with fire fighting equipments for Kunnamkulam was purchased in September 1941 at a cost of Rs. 6,790 by the Chief Engineer.

(*b*) This was taken charge of by the President, Kunnamkulam Town Council on 13th September 1941.

(*c*) In November 1941 by the Government, on the recommendation of the Staff Selection Board.

(*d*) Rs. 25 per mensem. V. Rajagopala Marar.

(*e*) These communications form part of inter-departmental correspondence only and are of no public importance. They cannot, therefore, be placed on the Council Table.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : May I know whether the Government is aware that there was another lorry ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Whether the Government will be pleased to enquire what was the pay of the then driver ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : I may be allowed to state with the leave of the President that it was under the management of the Commissioner of Police and only a constable was appointed as driver. I may also state that the water lorry is not there now.

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